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### **2016 Legislative Accomplishments**

It was a productive year for CCA's advocacy efforts. We successfully modified the Park Fee Ordinance and the Hybrid Industrial Live/Work Zone to make them more flexible. CCA also tackled the requirement to have all employers pay for a set amount of sick days and were able to strike a balance. Finally, the Downtown Los Angeles Mobility Plan was funded. CCA thanks our members for a great year and to review our 2016 legislative accomplishments, [please click here](#).

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### **Brian Saenger Named New COO of The Ratkovich Company; Clare De Briere Joins Company's Board of Advisors**

CCA Premier member The Ratkovich Company announced that Brian Saenger, Vice President of Acquisitions and Corporate Counsel, will take on the role of Chief Operating Officer effective January 1, 2017. Clare De Briere, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, will step down at year-end 2016 and join the company's Board of Advisors.

In her 26-year tenure with The Ratkovich Company, Clare De Briere has spearheaded some of the company's largest business deals, including its first significant foray into hospitality and retail, The Bloc, located in the heart of the financial district. She also led the company's historical transformation of The Hercules Campus at Playa Vista, into creative office and production space and the

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## **CCA IN ACTION**



Last night, CCA spoke at the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council's Land Use Committee about Metro's plans to widen the portal into the maintenance yard that abuts the Arts District. CCA has been consistently advocating for a Red / Purple Line station in the Arts District and 3rd and 6th Streets alongside Metro's yard are the perfect spots. We are concerned that current plans for the portal and corresponding turn-back yard could make stations farther south infeasible. CCA will continue to actively engage Metro on this issue.

For more information, please contact CCA's Director of Government Relations, [John Howland](#).

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## **CCA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

"The tower is located at ground zero for where residents will want to live given the centrality and walking distance from L.A. Live, the Historic Core and the Financial District, not to mention being located across the street from Whole Foods, which in and of itself is a game-changing amenity," Mike Condon Jr., Cushman and Wakefield. [Downtown News](#). December 21, 2016. ["29-Story Tower](#)

revitalization of 5900 Wilshire, the 31-story tower across from the L.A. County Museum of Art in the Miracle Mile district.

Planned for Ninth and Olive."

"The Ratkovich Company has built not only an incredible body of work, but more importantly, we have built a remarkable team of real estate professionals. I am so proud to have been part of The Ratkovich Company for the last quarter century," said Clare. "I couldn't have asked for a better mentor in Wayne Ratkovich, and he's placed the company in excellent hands with Brian."

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## Support Metro Charter School

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CCA encourages its members to support Metro Charter School. We know having high-quality schools in Downtown is integral to a thriving place for families to live. Metro Charter School is that kind of place and we have included in this week's newsletter a message from Kim Clerx, who is the school's principal. Please take a moment to review this information and consider making a gift.

### Happy Holidays from Metro Charter!

As Metro Charter celebrates its 4th year, Metro Charter wishes you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Metro Charter is proud to serve the growing and developing Downtown community by preparing its future change-makers. Our rigorous academics are fused with practical applications that have our students finding solutions for today's drought, creating public street art as a way to stop graffiti, and tackling many other issues relevant to our immediate and extended community.

As we work arduously to meet the increasing need for quality education in DTLA, we are calling on the community to support our continuing quality programing and our facility needs, which guarantee a bright future for Downtown.

Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a huge impact in the education of our students and growth of our community.

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Warmly,

Kim Clerx, Principal

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